

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

June 27, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present: Shane Bemis, Jeff Cogen, Nathalie Darcy, Rob Drake, Andy Duyck, Dave Fuller, Judie Hammerstad, John Hartsock, Richard Kidd, Charlotte Lehan, Alice Norris, Martha Schrader, Bob Sherwin, Chris Smith, Erik Sten

Committee Members Absent: Ken Allen, Richard Burke, Bernie Giusto, Wilda Parks, Tom Potter, Sandra Ramaker, Larry Smith, Steve Stuart

Alternates Present: Aron Carleson, Lane Shetterly

Also Present: Robert Austin, City of Estacada; Bill Bash, City of Cornelius; Hal Bergsma, City of Beaverton; Al Burns, City of Portland; Eric Chambers, City of Gresham; Carol Chesarek, Citizen; Danielle Cowan, City of Wilsonville; Shirley Craddick, City of Gresham; Markley Drake, City of Happy Valley; Eileen Drake, Citizen; Kay Durtschi, MTAC; Denny Egner, City of Lake Oswego; Meg Fernekes, DLCD; Ed Gallagher, City of Gresham; Delna Jones, Delna Jones & Assoc.; Gil Kelley, City of Portland; Jim McCauley, HBA Metro Portland; Steffeni Mendoza Gray, City of Portland; John O’Neil, Tri-County Investments; Pat Ribellia, City of Hillsboro; Paul Savas, Clackamas County Special Districts Alternate; Karen Schilling, Multnomah County; Jonathan Schlueter, Westside Economic Alliance; Thane Tienson, Landye Bennett;

Metro Elected Officials Present: Liaisons – Kathryn Harrington, Council District 4 others: Carl Hosticka, Council District 3; Rex Burkholder, Council District 5

Metro Staff Present: Dick Benner, Dan Cooper, Andy Cotugno, Linnea Nelson, Deena Platman, Ken Ray, Randy Tucker

1. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Dave Fuller, called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Chair Fuller asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Summary for June 13, 2007:

Motion:	Mayor Alice Norris, City of Oregon City, with a second from Mayor Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, moved to adopt the consent agenda without revisions.
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Vote:	The motion passed unanimously.
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4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Kathryn Harrington gave a brief update of the recent items before the Metro Council.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Randy Tucker, Legislative Affairs Manager, gave a brief update on the Metro regional legislative agenda. He distributed a handout that listed supporters of different bills. A copy of that handout will be attached to the permanent record.

Lane Shetterly, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), added updates on other legislation relevant to the region, including Measure 37 and Big Look.

Mayor Charlotte Lehan, City of Wilsonville, spoke to the members about a mobile home park ordinance. It was an ordinance that passed on Monday in the legislature. It was a package to provide some compensation to residents whose mobile home parks close. She said it grandfathered-in the four cities: Oregon City, Wilsonville, Bend and Eugene. It gave all other jurisdictions 180 days to pass local ordinances. She urged members interested in having a local level ordinance for mobile home parks to pass local legislation by the deadline, July 1st. After that date, jurisdictions would have 180 days to amend their ordinances if needed.

6. MPAC SCHEDULE

Councilor Harrington distributed a comprehensive MPAC agenda that included Council items, New Look items, and other items for the rest of the year.

Chair Fuller gave an overview of the handout and asked Councilor Harrington to discuss it in more detail.

Councilor Harrington explained the schedule. A copy of that handout will be attached to the permanent record.

Chair Fuller informed the members that the September 12th MPAC meeting conflicted with a tentatively scheduled Mayors and Chairs Forum the same night. He proposed that the MPAC meeting take place at 3 or 4 p.m. before the Mayors and Chairs Form, and that Metro would serve dinner at the Mayors and Chairs Forum. He said that Kim Bardes would be sending out an email regarding this issue and asking members if they were open to this proposal.

Chair Fuller called for a brief break to allow members to get some food and drinks as this meeting had been extended.

7. ORDINANCE 07-1154

Councilor Harrington invited Jim McCauley and Denny Egner to the MPAC table to report on the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) discussion regarding this ordinance. MTAC had voted 13 no, 6 yes on passing this ordinance.

Mr. Tim O'Brien, Senior Regional Planner, reviewed the materials pertaining to the ordinance as some were included in the packet and some were distributed during the meeting. Copies of all the handouts will be attached to the permanent record. He said that the ordinance would come back before the members on July 11th for a recommendation to the Metro Council.

Councilor Carl Hosticka discussed the policy considerations surrounding the proposed ordinance. He said that Metro had been working on the ordinance since early in the year.

Mr. Denny Egner, MTAC and City of Lake Oswego, said that MTAC had discussed the issue at length and never had a chance to talk about criteria. The group voted about 2/3rds against and 1/3rd for the Hosticka proposal. He said that there were equity issues regarding the treatment of residential and industrial land. He talked about the process which led to industrial land parcels being added to the urban growth boundary (UGB). At the time, the difference between industrial and residential lands was stressed. Now there was discussion about how they should be treated the same. He said if they were going to be treated the same, then they should be looked at more comprehensively in the periodic amendments to the UGB, and the amendments on the industrial lands should then be rolled back. He said there wasn't full agreement on that point. He said another point expressed was that adding land through this type of process could undermine development of centers. He said that there was no urgent need demonstrated for why one would want to make that change now. The biggest problem that MTAC expressed was the issue of the service extension and agreement between jurisdictions as to how property might be best served. If there was an area that could be served by a variety of jurisdictions, and there was the expectation that the incremental process would solve that, where a property owner or group of property owners approached one jurisdiction and asked for service, it could create a situation where less efficient means of providing services was agreed upon. There needed to be a governance decision made on who would provide services to an area before any incremental decisions were made. That was the main point that MTAC agreed upon in their vote. The idea was that a governance decision needed to be made so that they would know who would serve areas before they were added. That issue had not been solved throughout the region. Along those same lines, it was pointed out that this was bad timing for this discussion and possible decision. The issue was not urgent at this point and they should complete the New Look process before considering it. If MPAC did propose that this amendment go forward, he requested that they refer it to MTAC again for a discussion on criteria, since they never got a chance to discuss that topic.

Mr. Jim McCauley, MTAC and Home Builders Association (HBA), said that it would be nearly a decade before Metro would be looking at land again to bring into the UGB due to the two-year extension. He said that MTAC looked at the discussion strictly as a short-term land supply issue. He said the regional legislative committee didn't see a distinction between employment lands and non-employment lands. He said that if they could agree that there was a difference then HBA wouldn't have supported a re-examination of how the region was expanding. He said that the current system was not working or Senate Bill 1011 wouldn't have moved through the process. He said that Ordinance 07-1154 was a small step forward in that re-examination. He said that HBA as an organization had looked at criteria. He wanted to make sure that any application that came forward in the process was well thought out and planned. He said they would like an infrastructure finance plan in place, and wanted to see a local government component that was supportive of the ordinance as well. Many of the concerns brought forward in the MTAC process could be dealt with by adding criteria for clarification in the ordinance. The only issue he had concern over was the issue of governance. He said that could be addressed by adding criteria. He said that passage of the ordinance would allow the residential process to be re-instated and give landowners the opportunity to bring something forward. But it did not mean that the Metro Council would approve all applications like a blank check.

There was discussion about the ordinance and the meaning of particular points within the ordinance.

8. NEW LOOK

Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, explained how Metro was going to unroll the RTP process pertaining to finance. He said they would start with this meeting discussion on roads and address other parts of the process at future meetings. He reviewed the material included in the packet.

There was discussion about where funds would be found to finance roads and transportation, particularly about tolling options and various forms of taxing freight trucks.

Mr. Cotugno urged all the members to fill out the survey included in the packet and return it to Metro within two weeks.

Deena Platman, Senior Transportation Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to Metro's Regional Freight and Goods Movement Action Plan. Copies of the slides from that presentation were included in the meeting packet.

Mayor Richard Kidd, City of Forest Grove, said that there wasn't a lot that could be done about improving signage along the I-5 corridor without working with Oregon State and Washington State. He said that as a region they could advocate to the two states to make improvements.

Ms. Platman said that Metro was in a good position to submit suggestions to Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) right now as ODOT was working on the State Freight Plan. She said that another opportunity right now was a group called the West Coast Corridor Coalition made up of California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. This group's focus was assuring that each state could handle the incoming freight movement and the possible environmental impacts of this movement.

There being no further business, Chair Fuller adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Bardes
MPAC Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS TO THE RECORD FOR JUNE 27, 2007

The following have been included as part of the official public record:

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT DATE	DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DOCUMENT NO.
#4 Council Update	June 2007	System Development Charges flyer	062707-MPAC-01
#4 Council Update	June 2007	Financial Incentives Community Investment Guide Toolkit, Volume 1	062707-MPAC-02
#5 Legislative Update	June 2007	Supporters of Senate Bill 1011-B and House Bill 2051-A: a list of supporters/partners for both bills	062707-MPAC-03
#6 MPAC Schedule	June 27, 2007	MPAC Tentative 2007 Schedule – Draft: new layout to the MPAC meeting schedule for the year	062707-MPAC-04
#7 Ordinance 07-1154	May 2007	Ordinance 07-1154, Exhibits A, B & C and Jim McCauley amendment	062707-MPAC-05
#7 Ord. 07-1154	June 15, 2007	Letter to Chair Fuller and MPAC from Judie Hammerstad, Lake Oswego Mayor, re: Proposed Ordinance 07-1154 – UGB Major Amendment Process	062707-MPAC-06
#7 Ord. 07-1154	June 20, 2007	Memorandum to MTAC from Jonathan Harker, City of Gresham re: Major Amendments to UGB for Housing Proposal	062707-MPAC-07
#7 Ord. 07-1154	June 27, 2007	Email from Pat Russell to MPAC and Carl Hosticka re: Ordinance 07-1154	062707-MPAC-08
Miscellaneous	June 18, 2007	Letter to Mark Long, Oregon Dept of Consumer and Business Services from Mayor Hughes, City of Hillsboro re: HB 2540: Rehabilitation of Downtown Structures	062707-MPAC-09
#8 New Look	June 2007	Handout from Lane Shetterly, Department of Land Conservation and Development re: Transportation Finance Strategy Considerations and Choices	062707-MPAC-10